

**Press Comments Approved by the DCI 23 March 1962**

CIA has confirmed reports that a relatively small number of employees may be released in the next few months.

An Agency spokesman explained that this step had been taken under a manpower control program established over a year ago and that some thirty employees had been released under similar circumstances during the past year.

Emphasizing that the employees affected are not being separated for poor performance or for misconduct or as security risks, the Agency spokesman reported that they would be assisted by the Agency in seeking other employment.

NOTE: Text of above statement was given to [ ] for Col Grogan immediately after DCI's approval.

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Original and proposed Congressional letter were hand-carried to Colonel White for review and forwarding to General Carter on 28 March. Copies were hand carried to [ ] at his request.

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